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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant's : Lisa Donnelly et al. Confirmation No.: 1928
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Title : METHOD OF PERFORMING ANTERIOR CRUCIATE
LIGAMENT RECONSTRUCTION USING
BIODEGRADABLE INTERFERENCE SCREW

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Examiner : David C. Comstock

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary response for the RCE filed on even date herewith. It is in response to the Office Action of February 23, 2006, that Office Action was made final. The period for response has been extended by three (3) months to August 23, 2006 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.